

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 15, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Student Advisor, Megan Bradley answered roll call. Councilman Smith was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Farm Sale – Newhouse updated Council on the bid for the farm that took place during the Board of Works meeting. He said they advertised that no bid would be accepted under the appraised value of \$9,400.00 per acre. He said only one bid was received from Kreiger Farms for the appraised value. They have provided a check for 10% of the bid. Bridges moved to accept the bid from Kreiger Farms, Inc. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing to report
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said they will have the roll out party tomorrow at 6:30.
- **Marketing** – Nothing to report.
- **APC/BZA** – There are meetings tomorrow.

- **City Center** – Mayor Pavey said everyone has been moved in as of Thursday. The elevator has been inspected. We have closed the old City Hall. The City Utilities moved in Wednesday evening. Mayor Pavey praised Ron Jarman for being a great help during this process.
- **Cherry Street** – We have been talking to Indot to work on a possible date change.
- **Brownfield Grant** – The grant is coming to an end.
- **Housing** – We will dig the test hole after the ground is no longer frozen.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said they will get the new detective vehicle this Friday.

They will have a visit from the Indiana 911 Director tomorrow.

Street – Commissioner Miller passed out trash and recycle statistics for the last 4 years. He said 15 residents participated in the pay as you throw program and they collected \$725.00.00

Crabtree will return to work on January 1st with no restrictions.

Painter will return back with restrictions on January 22nd.

Animal – Warden Cottrell said the new web site is up and running. They have posted their extended hours.

She attended the Carthage town meeting yesterday to discuss issues of dogs running at large. She offered ideas to them and they discussed their relationship and expectations. She said their biggest challenge is the time it takes to get to Carthage. Councilman Bridges suggested that we may want to consider a memorandum of understanding with Carthage. Bridges also suggested that the agreement with the County probably needs to be revised.

Thursday there will be a meeting of the Humane Society at the Animal Hospital. They would like to get a good group back together. The Humane Society is very beneficial to the animal shelter.

Park – Director Burklow said they have been busy helping with the City Center move. They have also been making improvements to their building, such as tuck pointing, new doors and windows, and basic maintenance.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said on January 23rd and 24th he and Assistant Chief Munson will be traveling to Pennsylvania to pick up the ambulances.

He informed Council that one of their paramedics has been terminated and they have received a resignation from another one. The Board of Works gave him approval to replace these employees.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Control Ordinance** – Mayor Pavey said he met today with Amy Sorrel and her mom regarding a complaint of animals being left out in the weather. He said we are in the process of drafting an ordinance. He told the Sorrel's that after we have an updated ordinance we will send to them for review. The Mayor has a call in to the family that this complaint is concerning. He has not received a call back yet. He said the Sorrells were very cordial in their conversation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-2 Title VI Updates** – Cameron made a motion to approve the Indot mandates. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2019-3 Transfer Board of Works** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-3. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Police Department New Vehicle** – Chief Tucker passed out information to replace the K-9 vehicle. He said the Humane Society has offered to help purchase a new kennel for the vehicle. Cameron made a motion to approve the Chief's plan to purchase a 2019 Durango. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **2019 Encumbrances** – Bridges moved to approve the 2019 encumbrances as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Local Purchasing Police** – Pavey will send Smith the information.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Packet** – Utility Board Member Singleton said there are 3 programs endorsed by the National League of Cities that customers may opt into. The Utility Board would like to move the programs in house. This would cause a small revenue stream benefit for the utilities. The water line protection cost is more than the current program, however the first year the utilities would cover that extra cost. They still have homework to do regarding the leak protection program. A July timeline is hopeful. Singleton said they continue to give sewer adjustments for leaks which was not expected.
2. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Abatement Program** – Berkemeier will review this and report back to Council.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.